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For: ARRAY AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING NUCLEIC ACID...	) August 14, 2002 Via Telefacsimile

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY: AMENDMENT AND FURTHER REMARKS**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplementing the reply filed July 26, 2002, please

amend as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached version is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Please amend claims 15 and 17 as follows:

15. (Twice Amended) Method for providing an array of nucleic acid sequences bound to a carrier according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

D1

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a) identifying an AFLP-marker;

b) providing a nucleic acid sequence that comprises a restriction fragment sequence corresponding to said AFLP-marker;

D1 c) attaching the nucleic acid sequence to the carrier; and

D1 d) repeating steps a) to c) for different AFLP markers to build up an array.

17. (Twice Amended) A method for providing an array of nucleic acid sequences bound to a carrier according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

D2 a) providing a nucleic acid sequence that comprises at least one restriction fragment that has been derived from at least one cDNA

b) attaching the nucleic acid sequence to the carrier;

D2 and

c) repeating steps a) and b) for different cDNA-derived restriction fragments to build up an array.

REMARKS

The amendment presented above makes it more clear that the common special technical feature is what is recited in claim 1. Again, applicants do not see that such a common

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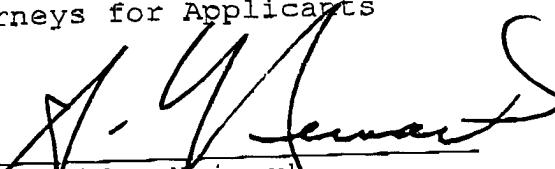
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special technical feature is disclosed in canto USP '987, and therefore applicants request withdrawal of the requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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